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Mr. George W. Owens  
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Dear Mr. Owens:

With reference to your letter of January 11, in response to my request for information on the role of Wolfgang Yourgrau in CSS intelligence operations during World War II, please be so kind to inform me what procedure I should follow in appealing to your Review Committee.

I fully understand that you are forced to let me wait my turn, but I believe my own situation has become exceptional and critical indeed. I simply cannot afford, in view of the restrictions placed on my time by academic life and in view of the enormous obligations I have incurred to 50 scholars of world reputation, to wait any longer for the straightforward information I need in order to complete a crucial academic project.

When you advised me in your letter of January 11 that it would be more reasonable for me to await your response "as soon as feasible," I certainly had no idea that it might take more than 7 months!

May I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely yours,

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